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German Patent No. 690 569 describes a tangential fuel/air injection method intended to create vortices to enhance mixing in a combustion chamber. This is accomplished with mechanical poppet valves opening and closing to support a design frequency.

German Patent DE 198 50 812 A1 describes a method for isolating and confining fueled air from unfueled air through the use of a cross flow air curtain in a combustor tube. The cross flow is accomplished by a narrow circumferential slit in the combustor tube downstream of both the inlet valve and the spark plug. The intent is to localize the combustible mixture in the front end of the combustor tube with a non-mechanical constriction that will effectively disappear and allow high pressure post heated gases to flow freely after the combustion event.

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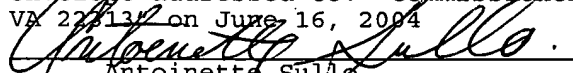
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